

Project Update: July 2015

This is a brief update on the progress of **Promoting Participatory Forest Management to Conserve Mau Forest Complex project**; we have managed to complete all the assessments of biodiversity and forest resources, we have mapped the landscape covered by Kiptuget forest and the resources that the community forest association in the land adjacent to the forest. Together with the local planning team, we also carried out forest zonation and developed programmes that will be the focus of the forest management for the next 5 years.

The process has been participatory with all stakeholders involved as outlined in the guidelines of Participatory Forest Management. To some extent this has delayed the process a little and has therefore taken slightly longer than planned. However, we have now finished the stage of compiling the document. We have a draft ready and have submitted to Kenya forest services for review before approval. We expect that there will not be comments that will delay the document further. The approved participatory forest management plan is the main output of the project.



Left: Apiary with Langstroth, Kenya Top Bar hives in Kiptuget forest. Right: Community members sketching resource maps.



Left: Farming in the PELIS areas of Kiptuget Forest. Right: Water abstraction site for Kiptuget water project in the bamboo forest.